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Cardinal Mahony,

May 14, 2002

It has been over a year since I met  
with you and Sister <sup>REDACTED</sup> to discuss  
Msgr. Hawkes. I have been trying for over  
a month to write this letter, it has been  
very difficult. So difficult that I have  
become physically sick. But nevertheless  
I know that I must do in order to  
help my self and family deal with  
the pain & suffering Msgr. Hawkes  
has caused. Today is the day that  
I have gathered enough strength to  
tell a small part of my story even though  
Msgr. Hawkes said that if I told it  
would only bring pain and no one  
would believe me.

During our meeting I told you that  
Mey. Hawkes sexually molested me since  
I was about 14 years old and continued  
until he died in Sept of 1985.

The abuse started in 1974, while I was  
an altar boy at St Basils Church in  
Los Angeles. Mey. Hawkes being the  
stick operator he was, was able to  
convince my parents that it was  
best for me to go to a Catholic High  
School that he could arrange my  
admission, Daniel Murphy High School.  
The only condition was that I work at  
the Church - St Basils during the  
weekends. Which eventually led  
to working everyday and weekends.

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During the High School years the abuse was physical, sexual and mental. Mays was able to isolate me to the point that I could not turn to anyone for help. When I tried telling my parents by saying that Mays was kind and nice, they would say that it was for my own good and that he was helping our family.

I do not and can not write how devastating the whole experience still is. My hand shakes too much and the tears will not go away. I will be willing to tell you again or anyone else from the church as long as it helps and prevents others from experiencing this pain.

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Major. Hawkes did not just abuse me but many others. Thinking back I recall that there were always young boys residing in the Rectory during the summer. I do not know how he did it but there was a boy from France & Mexico who stayed at the Rectory during the summers. I know he sexually abused them because they told me. I would not do anything, except to tell them to lock the door at night and pretend not to hear him knocking. They were lucky because the visit was only for short periods.

At Buils Rectory was full of young boys working there. I am sure they were all abused sexually by

meqr. Harker at one time or another.

Why didn't someone help us.

It was obvious something was going on.

Why did the other priest do nothing?

The rich people he knew did nothing.

I believe this whole ugly thing could have been stopped if someone had the will to stop it. But they were all compromised by meqr.

Remember he controlled all the money & power. His people were his friends who did business with him, he was the priest of the rich.

Want to verify this statement? Ask your lawyer.

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he knows them. In fact when I called him to ask about who to call about sexual abuse, his response was "I can not believe it". Thank God I did stop with that call. Ask Major. ~~at~~ Jeremiah Murphy and Major Gregory Cox, they were both at St Basils when all this was happening. Ask them why did they let it happen.

Sorry I am not very clear but this is very difficult. Like I said I rather talk than write. Why I am waiting now. Dr. REDACTED

has helped me very much, I want to continue getting his help. I am also want to ask for financial help.

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As a result of this nightmare, I have incurred substantial financial debt running away from the problem. I have also been trying to kill myself in hero type situations. Again, God has been watching over me and has protected me. Over the years I have incurred over \$50,000 in debt, to include credit, loans and mortgages. I have two mortgages have borrowed on my retirement fund, had my parents take out a second on their house to help cover my debts and even had my wife withdraw money from her retirement fund. I need help paying off these debts. I need help with my children educational needs for

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high school and college. I figured it will  
cost \$420,000 to educate them, four  
year college degree. I need help  
with employment liability, \$500,000,  
which will allow me to find me another  
field of work. I am requesting a  
total of \$1,885,000, the additional  
\$300,000 is to make sure that if something  
happens to me, my wife and I still care for our  
family. I have given DR <sup>REDACTED</sup>  
my authority to answer all your  
questions regarding my treatment, I  
want to continue to work with him.  
In fact I will mail this letter to  
him to give to you. DR <sup>REDACTED</sup>  
knows how to get ahold of me



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and I can be contacted thru him.  
I may not have made myself to clear  
I willing to give statement to your  
representatives. I want to make  
sure this is confidential, that is  
why I have not hired an attorney.  
I do not want to, I would rather  
deal directly with you. I dont want  
any press, I do not want to add  
to the countless stories all over the  
world. My story is a horrible one  
that I hope I can come to grips  
with over time. I can still sense  
Maj. Hawkes, I dream about  
him alot and it serves me very  
much, but I can not let him

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win. It's my turn to stand up and  
set the record straight. Mgr. Hawkes  
was not a great priest, he was a  
fick man who used his status  
to abuse many to include myself.

Please pray for me and ask God  
to give me strength and help my family.  
I hope to God this is the one of many  
steps that helps me deal & survive  
all the pain. Thank you

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